

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Petri (U.S. 5,281,149).

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner has accepted the drawings as originally filed with this application.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-5 and has added new claims 6-12 to this application. It is believed that the new claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art.

The new claims are directed toward an electric card fixture assembly located on a circuit board (3) for securing an electric card (4) comprising: at least one electric card fixture having: a base (1) having: an opening (11), the electric card having a predetermined portion selectively inserted into the opening; and a joint portion (12) connected to a hole (32) of the circuit board; and a pivot member (2) rotatably connected to the base on a side opposite the joint portion, the pivot member being rotated between locked and unlocked positions, wherein, when the pivot member is located in the locked position, the pivot member covers the predetermined portion of the electric card locking the electric card onto the circuit board, and, when the pivot member is located in the unlocked position, the predetermined portion of the electric card is unobstructed by the pivot member and the electric card is selectively removed from and connected to the circuit board.

Other embodiments of the present invention include: the at least one electric card fixture is two electric card fixtures spaced apart on the circuit board; the base and the pivot member are made of metal; the joint portion is connected to a ground; the joint portion is a lock member having two lock pieces (122) spaced apart by a slot (121) located there between, the two lock pieces selectively locking the base on

the circuit board; the base includes at least one mounting portion (13) spaced apart from the joint portion; and the base is L-shaped, and a corner of the electric card is selectively inserted into the opening.

The cited reference to Petri teaches a grounding circuit board standoff having a first board (12) separated from a second board (13) by a stand off (14). The stand off (14) having an actuator pin (16) having a head portion (36) and a shank portion (35), a spacer body (17), a fastener (19) connected to the spacer body (17), and a latch portion (27) located on a lower portion (25) thereof.

Petri does not teach a pivot member (2) rotatably connected to the base on a side opposite the joint portion; the pivot member being rotated between locked and unlocked positions; the base includes at least one mounting portion (13) spaced apart from the joint portion; nor does Petri teach the base is L-shaped, and a corner of the electric card is selectively inserted into the opening.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that Petri do not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's new claims and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Petri cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is further submitted that Petri does not disclose, or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Petri renders obvious any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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